

July 30th, 2023

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu
Pastor

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Kevin Lenius
Deacons: Leonard Hendon, Luis Mata, Fidel Saldivar
Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara
Music Director: Gabriel Salgado
Youth Ministry Director: Noe Carrasco



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Dear Beloved St. Stephen's Parish Community,

It is with a mixture of gratitude and sorrow that we pen this message of appreciation for our beloved Father Kevin Lenius. After two transformative years of exceptional service to our parish community, he will be embarking on a new journey, continuing his studies in Canon Law. Father Kevin's contributions to St. Stephen's are numerous, and his dynamic, humble spirit is one that has touched every corner of our community. He dedicated himself fully to the people of our parish, making himself available in times of need and celebration alike. His presence was a beacon of faith and compassion, and we were fortunate to have him among us. His ability to connect with every demographic, from our youth to our elders, is a testament to his exceptional skills as a spiritual guide and teacher. Father Kevin nurtured and developed numerous ministries, including CCD teachers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Rachel's ministry, youth ministry, young adult's ministry, and Music ministry and Knights of Columbus. His commitment to these groups reflected his understanding of the diversity of paths to God, and his desire to help each of us find our own. As a spiritual director, Father Kevin offered guidance and support to countless individuals, shepherding us through the complexities of our spiritual journeys with his wisdom and empathy. His counseling services provided a safe space for us to confront our challenges, offering gentle guidance when we needed it most. Father Kevin's gifts of the Holy Spirit were ever-present in his work, creating a sense of unity and purpose within our parish. The atmosphere of community, warmth, and spiritual nourishment at St. Stephen's today is a testament to his unwavering dedication. As Father Kevin moves forward, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for all he has done. We assure him of our continued prayers and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. We firmly believe that he will excel in his studies, continuing to grow as a beacon of faith, just as he was for us. While we are saddened by his departure, we find comfort in the lasting impact he's had on our community. Father Kevin, you have truly embodied the essence of what it means to serve, love, and lead. St. Stephen's will forever carry your spirit in its heart. May God's blessings be upon you as you embark on this new journey.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu & St. Stephen's Parish Community

Querida amada comunidad parroquial de San Esteban,

Es con una mezcla de gratitud y tristeza que redactamos este mensaje de agradecimiento para nuestro querido Padre Kevin Lenius. Después de dos años transformadores de servicio excepcional a nuestra comunidad parroquial, él emprenderá un nuevo camino, continuando sus estudios en Derecho Canónico. Las contribuciones del Padre Kevin a San Esteban son numerosas, y su espíritu dinámico y humilde es uno que ha tocado cada rincón de nuestra comunidad. Se dedicó completamente a las personas de nuestra parroquia, haciéndose disponible en momentos de necesidad y celebración por igual. Su presencia fue un faro de fe y compasión, y tuvimos la suerte de tenerlo entre nosotros. Su capacidad para conectar con cada grupo demográfico, desde nuestros jóvenes hasta nuestros mayores, es un testimonio de sus excepcionales habilidades como guía espiritual y maestro. El Padre Kevin nutrió y desarrolló numerosos ministerios, incluyendo profesores de CCD, Ministros de la Eucaristía, Lectores, Monaguillos, el ministerio de Raquel, el ministerio de jóvenes, el ministerio de jóvenes adultos, y el ministerio de música y los Caballeros de Colón. Su compromiso con estos grupos reflejaba su comprensión de la diversidad de caminos hacia Dios, y su deseo de ayudar a cada uno de nosotros a encontrar el nuestro. Como director espiritual, el Padre Kevin ofreció orientación y apoyo a innumerables individuos, guiándonos a través de las complejidades de nuestros viajes espirituales con su sabiduría y empatía. Sus servicios de consejería proporcionaron un espacio seguro para enfrentar nuestros desafíos, ofreciendo una guía gentil cuando más la necesitábamos. Los dones del Espíritu Santo del Padre Kevin estuvieron siempre presentes en su trabajo, creando un sentido de unidad y propósito dentro de nuestra parroquia. La atmósfera de comunidad, calidez y nutrición espiritual en San Esteban hoy es un testimonio de su dedicación inquebrantable. A medida que el Padre Kevin avanza, queremos expresar nuestro agradecimiento de todo corazón por todo lo que ha hecho. Le aseguramos nuestras oraciones continuas y le deseamos todo lo mejor en sus futuros empeños. Creemos firmemente que sobresaldrá en sus estudios, continuando creciendo como un faro de fe, tal como lo fue para nosotros. Aunque estamos entristecidos por su partida, encontramos consuelo en el impacto duradero que ha tenido en nuestra comunidad. Padre Kevin, realmente has encarnado la esencia de lo que significa servir, amar y liderar. San Esteban siempre llevará tu espíritu en su corazón. Que las bendiciones de Dios estén contigo mientras emprendes este nuevo viaje.

Con gratitud y oraciones,

P. Bala Anthony Govindu & Comunidad Parroquial de San Esteban

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday July 30th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the Parish
12:00pm †Manuel Ortega Wife & Children
5:00pm †Danilo Santibanez By Family

Monday July 31st-St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00am †Maria Berta Chavira– Comaduran
5:30pm †Karen McLane by Louise Kuzmich

Tuesday August 1– St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Dru Schulleby by JoAnn, Gina, & Megan
5:30pm Tonya Childs (HB) by Dortjea Seidenberger

Wednesday August 2nd– St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:00am All Pregnant Mothers
5:30pm Savannah Barger by Family

Thursday August 3rd

7:00am †Bill Wohlfeld
5:30pm †Roman Solano by Hortencia Carrasco

First Friday August 4th– St. John Vianney, Priest

7:00am †Remie Ramos by Fernando & Becky Espino
5:30pm †Deacon Raymond Sis by McDonald Family

First Saturday August 5th– The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM

8:00am †Albert & †Caroline Sulak By Family
5:00pm †Frank & Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

Sunday August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00am For the Parish
12:00pm †Manuel Ortega Wife & Children
5:00pm †Danilo Santibanez By Family

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**August 13, 2023 /
13 de Agosto del 2023**
English : 2:00 - 4:30pm
Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm

Please come by the Office and present a Driver's License to Register

Por favor vengan a la oficina parroquial y presenten la licencia para registrarse

Please pray for the following: Jeremy Wright, Christian Loya, Chuck Carter, Diana Paredes, Denise Ealy, Michelle Rios, Clara Maria, Deepak Dey, Luis Martin Rodriguez, Rolando De Casa, Juan Raul Torres, Aracely Silva, Sonia Castillo & family, Joseph R. Kiowski, Mary Helen Smith, Brandon Taylor, Stephanie Maestas, Baby Sarah, Frankie Hartter, Henk Klaucke, Elizabeth Fritzl, Patricia Loira, Paulo Cesar, Regis, Sonia, Sanae, Joseph Mary Fasi, Alvaro Ramos & family, Joe T., Chris W., Cindy M., Kathleen S., Anthony R., Roberto L., Vasquez family, Isaiah & Victoria, Esther Estrada, Cecilia Livingston, Valarie Fink, Vanessa V. Betty, Randall, Beth B. Marcus, Marcus Jr. Mica & Brittany V., Eddie L., Aileen Paris Rodriguez, Karen Howe, Shashini Kumari, John Walker, Elizabeth Fritzl, Sammy R., Macaria R., Beth B, Lynda Sanchez., Anita P., Martha P., John W. Grace, Carly P., Olivia V., Frank Hartter, Fermin Salgado, Sokolowski family, Maria Salgado, J.J Hord, Bennie Hawkins, Justina Flayngeg, Quincy Jackson Jr., Terri Padilla, M. Gloria Escobedo– Chong, Elia R., Mateo F., Albert Lopez, Ty Hawkins, Ramona Hawkins, Tammy Seidenberger, Cecilia Levington, Maria Ramirez, Socorro M., Christina M., Virginia M., Ian V., Emma Elia R., Frankie Hartter, Mario Ramirez, Axton, & Sarah Beth Carrasco.

Email frontdesk@ssccmidland.com or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list! If someone needs to be removed from prayer list please contact the office to remove request. Thank you!

Last Week Collections

Week of 07.17.23-07.23.23

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5pm 1st collection	\$880.95	\$2,300.00	\$3,180.95
Sun. 9am 1st collection	\$2,203.03	\$4,209.00	\$6,412.03
Sun. 12pm 1st collection	\$2,133.45	\$785.00	\$2,918.45
Sun. 5pm 1st collection	\$2,305.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,605.00
Online Giving	\$4,104.16		\$4,104.16
Mailed-In Contributions	\$6,605.00		\$6,605.00

GRAND TOTAL \$26,825.59

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Effective August 2023

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm

Friday 9am-1pm

We will open through lunch every day for your convenience

SE NECESITAN COORDINADORES DE MISAS:

Necesitamos Coordinadores de Misa para bodas y funerales. No es necesario que sea un coordinador de Misa, ya que lo capacitaremos. Si está interesado por favor póngase en contacto con Diane Grenvik por mensaje de texto a 432-234-7821 o Viviana Martinez a 817-249-9095.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) on August 26th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom #11. Are you a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) in good standing, and a registered member of the Parish? Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, please consider joining this important and very special ministry! Please RSVP via email, call, or text (see contact below), as soon as possible so we have enough handout material for everyone. You will need to fill out and bring with you an Application Form (available in the Foyer, at the Parish Office, or you can download from the St. Stephen's website). For more information, please speak with our Priests, Deacons, Mass Coordinators, or contact:

Marcos Ybarra

432-638-9097

Raidermug@yahoo.com

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432-230-4426

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BULLETIN AD DEADLINE

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email: bulletin@ssccmidland.com as far in advance as possible. The bulletin deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00am**. We encourage you to get any announcements to us the week before to ensure we have space for your message. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND

The Parish Office has been holding onto miscellaneous items found over time and going forward will only hold any items found on the property for two weeks. If you have lost an item in the past please contact the Parish office to describe and claim. Items left unclaimed over a two week period will be donated or sold.

THE LIFE CENTER

The Life Center is in need of the following items; size 5 and 6 diapers, toddler pull-ups and baby wipes

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry that offers compassion and healing to men and women that have experienced the tragic loss of a child through abortion. We offer confidential weekend retreats where individuals can find God's love and forgiveness which can renew one's relationship with God and His Church. The next retreat is scheduled for July 2023 (Fri-Sun). If you have had an abortion or encouraged an abortion and are looking for healing, please call (432) 236-9883 or email projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org. We are also looking for individuals that would like to join our prayer team. If you feel called to this, please email prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com

El Proyecto Raquel es un ministerio que ofrece compasión y sanación a hombres y mujeres que han experimentado la trágica pérdida de un hijo (a) a través del aborto. Ofrecemos retiros confidenciales de fin de semana donde las personas pueden encontrar el amor y el perdón de Dios para renovar su relación con Dios y Su Iglesia. El próximo retiro está programado para julio de 2023 (viernes-domingo). Si ha tenido un aborto o ha alentado uno y está buscando sanación, llame al (432) 236-9883 o envíe un correo electrónico a projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org. También estamos buscando personas que deseen unirse a nuestro equipo de oración. Si se siente llamado (a) a esto, envíe un correo electrónico a prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com

LEGACY RANCH- COMMUNION SERVICE

If you have a loved one at Legacy Ranch in Midland and would like them to receive Communion please call the office for more information. (432)520-7394

REPRESENTANTES ACREDITADOS PARA LA DIÓCESIS DE SAN ÁNGELÓ
CLÍNICA DE SERVICIOS LEGALES DE INMIGRACIÓN



IGLESIA CATÓLICA
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
1401 E GARDEN LANE
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
9AM A 4PM
CITAS Y INFORMACION
(Por favor, no llame a la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe)
Servicios de Inmigración de la Diócesis de San Ángeló
Contacte a Patricia Stokes Santana
o Brianna Dairy @325.212.6192
para más detalles.

LAS CONSULTAS DE OFICINA Y TELEFÓNICAS Y LOS SERVICIOS DE INMIGRACIÓN SE PROPORCIONAN POR LAS TARIFAS NORMALES.

St. Stephen's Women's Organization

"Our mission is to promote the spiritual, physical, and educational welfare of the community of St. Stephen's by putting into action, the spiritual and corporal works of mercy"

The St. Stephen's Women's Organization is inviting all ladies of St. Stephen's Parish to join us at our upcoming 1st general meeting on Monday August 14th at 6:30pm in the Parlor.

** Monthly General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Parlor and we begin with social time (meal) at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7:00pm – Please join us **

For more information, please contact Vice President Carmen Rodelo at 432-978-7723 or any member of the organization. We look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider registering for this 13-week GriefShare course. The next session will be held on Tuesdays from August 1st to October 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. To register please visit the following link on your computer or smart device:

<https://ststephensmidland.com/griefshare>

ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

8:15 AM to 8:45 AM 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

MON-FRI:

6:45 AM to 6:55 AM 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM


SATURDAY:

7:45 AM to 7:55 AM 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

Anytime by appointment

Historic Beginnings of San Angelo

Sor María de Jesús de Agreda "The Lady in Blue" Annual Celebration Friday, August 11, 7:30 pm Showing of the documentary The Needle and the Thread by producer Victor Mancilla at the Brooks & Bates Theatre Tickets available at www.sanangelopac.org Saturday, August 12th 10 am - Procession from Celebration Bridge followed by dedication of Historic Beginnings of San Angelo site 2 pm - Caravan from the site to the historic painted rocks at the Campbell Ranch in Paint Rock 7 pm - Reception & veneration of relics at St. Joseph's Parish Hall Sunday, August 13, 10 am Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Michael Sis FOR MORE INFORMATION, call 325-227-7777/325-656-5550 or ladyinblue.sjt@gmail.com



Young Adult

PILGRIMAGE

Friday, August 18

Depart St. Ann's @ 4pm
Carpool to Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey
Stop in Roswell, NM for late dinner


Saturday, August 19

Breakfast in Abbey
Trip to Loretto Chapel
Trip to Chimayo Sanctuary
lunch in Sante Fe
Confession available
Light dinner in Abbey

Sunday, August 20

Breakfast in Abbey
Sunday Mass at Basilica Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
Visit Basilica
late lunch in Roswell, NM

Book Now



\$150/person covers room in Abbey, transportation, and Loretto Chapel

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 24, 2023**


Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: The Gloria Denman Ballroom

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

BRING A FRIEND, IT COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE ONE DAY.

SAVE THE DATE



**ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Helping Hands of Midland
1301 Brinson Lane
Midland Tx.
(432) 520-8900

www.helpinghandsmidland.com



Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Electricity	7 families	\$ 2,089.25
Gas	1 family	\$ 75.59
Water	2 families	\$ 636.21
Rent	16 families	\$ 29,766.71
TOTAL		\$32,567.76

We are sometimes told by people that, while they love the work we do, they themselves would be unable to do it because they could not deal with the depressing circumstances under which we work. Dealing with so many people who are “down and out” day after day would be just too much for them. They could not deal with so much sadness. We could not disagree more. In fact, Helping Hands is a very joyful place to work. Some examples: Our shoppers cannot wait to get into our store on the days we are open (Wednesdays and Saturdays), and many line up outside two hours before we even open up. Because they come on a regular basis, many of our shoppers have become good friends and there is great camaraderie. Friendships extend from the shoppers to the volunteers. Many of our volunteers take a personal interest in the lives of our shoppers (and vice a versa) so that we become almost like family. Indeed, several of our regular shoppers will occasionally bring food for the volunteers. They consider it their way of giving back, not because of any financial assistance they have gotten, but because they feel they are a part of our organization and while jobs or other family obligations may hinder their being able to volunteer with us, they can occasionally bring lunch. We cannot tell them enough how deeply appreciated they are!

And then there are the customers who always insist on paying more than they are charged. “We know it is for a good cause” they will say as they hand us the money. We love to speak of John, who comes in every year around Christmas, buys a record album (usually priced around \$1), hands us a check for \$1,000 and with a wink and a smile tells us to “keep the change. I’ll bet you can figure out how to spend it!”

The interactions between the customers and volunteers are what keep many of our volunteers coming back. Sure, there is the occasional belligerent person, but the people with smiles and good intentions far outnumber the random “grouch.”

And as for the needy that we meet with...sure they are our neighbors who have fallen on some rough times, and at times their stories can be very sad. But being a part of helping them out of they hole they are in...of helping them get back on their feet and sharing in their resurrection experience, can be a source of incredible joy!

So, depressing? No! Sad? Hardly. We invite you to come and give us a try. We are always looking for new members to add to our family!

AUGUST TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at St. Stephen’s on Saturday, August 5 and at St. Ann’s on Saturday, August 19 from 9 am until 1 p.m. to pick up your donations.

Please RSVP



**We invite you to attend The New Pastor
Installation Mass for Fr. Bala Anthony
Govindu on The Feast of The Assumption,
Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 7pm**

**Welcome Reception to follow after mass in
The Gloria Denman Ballroom.**

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 7TH



Use This QR Code to RSVP



**ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**